

Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Candidacy Committee
and
Candidates for Professional Leadership
Advisor/Candidate Covenant

Each candidate from the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, prior to an initial interview, will be assigned an advisor from the membership of the synod Candidacy Committee. In order to facilitate a closer relationship that grows and develops throughout the candidacy process, a covenant relationship is created between the advisor and the candidate.

The manner in which the candidate responds to the advisor and the Candidacy Committee will be considered an indication of how the candidate will relate and respond to the Church after being rostered.

Key Aspects of the Covenant Relationship

- Progress reports: classes, grades, field experiences, CPE, and internship.
- Open communication for questions and concerns.
- Sharing of joys, hope, dreams, and frustrations.

Candidate's Responsibilities

- The candidate will initiate a contact with the assigned Candidacy Committee member at least two times each semester, via telephone, email, or letter, to update the candidate's progress and share questions, joys, hopes, concerns and challenges. A face to face meeting once a year, when feasible, would be a "best practice."
- The candidate will maintain communication during internship, and for Associates in Ministry, during supervised field work experience.
- The candidate be at the Candidacy Retreat held each year in December.

Advisor's Responsibilities

- Each member of the Candidacy Committee will relate to a certain number of candidates. Advisors are mentors, representatives, constructive evaluators, advocates, and listeners.
- Advisors will forward and copy all candidate correspondence for the candidate's file.
- Advisors must understand the particular process for their candidate(s), make the initial contact with the candidate, and keep each candidate on his/her personal prayer list.
- The advisor will sit on and present the candidate at each panel: Entrance, Endorsement, and Approval.

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Contact Person: _____

Candidate: _____

Email: _____

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